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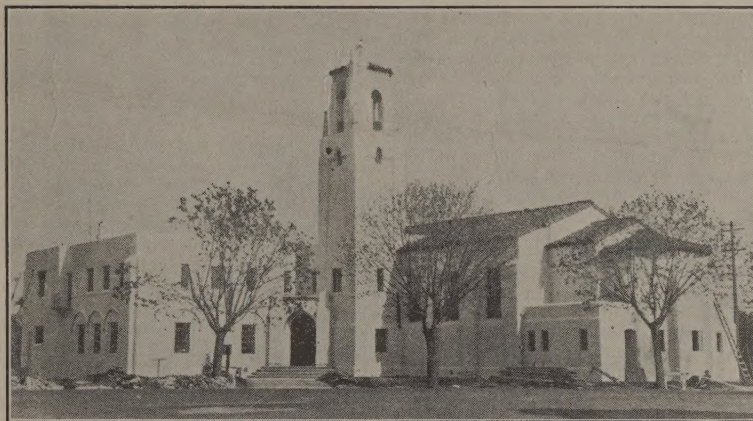
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

BEAUTIFUL BROADMOOR



After eight years of heroic work, often under deep discouragement and always with meager resources, Broadmoor has come to the great hour of dedication of its new building.

The location on a triangular plot of ground; commands the view from five different approaching streets, and the beautiful tower dominates the entire locality. Spanish in design, without being low and rambling, it reveals dignity and inspires worship.

The Auditorium has a capacity of 200. The seating is by upholstered opera chairs. At the rear of the main church, and so arranged that it can be used for overflow audiences, is a large assembly hall with stage. This is even larger than the sanctuary and will be used for dinners, plays and gymnasium classes. A very attractive ladies parlor and a well equipped kitchen, together with office and various class and dressing rooms complete the main floor. A number of Sunday School rooms are on the second floor. It is hoped that funds will make possible the refinishing of the old building,

which stands immediately behind the new church, by plastering and painting the interior and dressing up the exterior to conform to the architecture of the new structure. That all of the space will be needed by the Sunday School within a very brief time, is predicted by those acquainted with the situation.

The total property has cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000, and represents an excellent value. About one-fourth of this amount remained to be secured at the time of the finishing of the building. At the time of going to press a splendid start had been made in the effort to secure pledges to pay all bills and take care of all indebtedness within 30 months.

A celebration of special activities for a month has been planned, beginning with Dedication Service on Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m.

Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, and the loyal group of workers deserve the satisfaction which is now theirs of completing this splendid building.

EASTER

Easter should bring a thrill. It does to those who are concerned whether death reigns or personality. Is not everybody concerned? Apparently not. Many seem to have adjusted themselves to the conclusion that death reigns; they expect nothing else, will admit nothing else. Others are agnostic: death may reign or it may not, there is no telling. It is best to forget about it in the absorptions of the present. You can see the success attending the will to forget death and—the results.

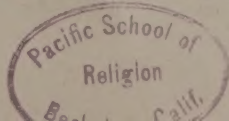
We are told that immortality was a device man created for his comfort amid the insecurities of ancient life. Today he has made his life vastly more secure and enjoyable. He no longer needs such childish assurance. But how secure is he?

For many modern science has made belief in immortality untenable, and so has done them a disservice. How tantalizing to push out the world of our fathers a hundred million light-years, practically to infinity and eternity, and at the same time to contract our life from the infinity and eternity of which the fathers were assured to three score years and ten, and to the surface of this infinitesimal planet! "Oh, give me my lowly thatched cottage again!"

A similar tantalizing disservice is done us by this most modern and godless turn of humanism. Man is splendidly conceived as building his own splendid life: but there is no Father in whose mansions man can abide. What if the friends of Socrates had silenced the old man and spent that last day in his prison expatiating upon this wonderful world and the glory and joy of this life?

Easter brings a thrill. We shall see a still fairer world; we shall taste a far better life. Death does not reign. Personality reigns. God is a person. So is a man.

W. B. WILLIAMS.



Mrs. Lee Visits Associations

A team of speakers consisting of the Superintendent and Mrs. Hannah Hume Lee of Boston, is to visit the spring meetings of the various associations, a schedule of which will be found under "Coming Events" column.

Mrs. Lee is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Hume, for many years missionaries of the American Board in India. Dr. Hume was the first moderator of the North India United Church. She was educated in Connecticut and Massachusetts, a graduate of Wellesley College. Taught at Northfield Seminary.

She married Theodore Storrs Lee, Amherst 1900, and served with her husband under the American Board in India for one term. After her husband's death during furlough, she returned with her two children to India and served a second term under the Board.

When the children's education made it necessary to come to America, Mrs. Lee served in Boston under the Woman's Board of Missions. In 1927, at the time of the merger of the Foreign Boards, Mrs. Lee took up the work with the Congregational Education Society, where she is now serving in the Department of Social Relations.

WELL DONE!

The Pacific desires to congratulate the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on its recent debt raising effort, and to publish this brief report clipped from the Calendar of that church:

"Without great noise or pressure, without large expenses for 'campaign purposes,' without irritation and without exhaustion, we have raised a little over \$75,000. We still want about \$22,000 to complete our task, and we believe it will come.

"In the meantime, despite unemployment, business depression and considerable hardship, our church has done a thing which testifies of faith and love. The amount pledged, and the proportion of this, \$22,250, in cash, has not only vastly relieved our burden, but has borne conspicuous witness to the superiority of a people's giving when moved in heart and intelligence by God."

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

At least three of our churches are out to do their part to help the Conference reach a goal of 20,000 members of Congregational Churches during 1930. First Church, San Francisco, has set a goal of 125 for the Easter class. Extension Director David H. Gill, held three sessions of a training class for workers and has secured the co-operation of nearly 30 people in personal work. Broadmoor people are out for a large class to join at dedication time. Olivet, Oakland, has also organized for such a campaign. The Conference office has literature and assignment cards, and will co-operate in suggestions as to organization in personal evangelism.

Church Union In the Making

Trinity Center United Church, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian. This is the somewhat cumbersome but arresting name of San Francisco's great new Protestant project in the heart of the Mission District.

It will be remembered by readers of The Pacific that the federation known as Trinity Center has been in existence for some time, which consists of Bethany Congregational, Mission Park Congregational, and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. Now comes the Methodist Church with its long history and notable position in the life of the city and casts in its lot. In the present there will be three pastors: Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, Congregational; Rev. H. K. Pitman, Methodist, and Rev. Newton Moats, Methodist.

Each church will maintain its own membership, new members being given choice of denomination. There will be pooling of properties, each being under the direction of the Board of Directors of its unit. There will be a total budget of more than \$30,000, but benevolence gifts of each member will be forwarded to his or her denominational headquarters. Services of worship will be held in the Grace Auditorium. The Sunday School and all Service activities will be divided into departments, some of which will use Trinity Center and others the other churches. The activities will be under the direction of a Board of Control made up of six members of each denominational group, and additional members from the community.

Much overlapping will be eliminated, and lines of work will be established, without doubt a stronger impression made upon the city. It is a long step toward the unity of the church.

COMING EVENTS

April 29—Spring meeting, Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, at Martinez.

April 30-May 1—Sacramento Valley Association and Women's meeting, at Paradise.

May 1-2—Central Association and Women's meeting, Stockton.

May 1-4—German Conference, Free Press Church, Fresno.

May 6—Santa Clara Association, Palo Alto.

May 7—Upper Bay Association, Suisun.

May 8—Pacific School of Religion commencement.

May 9—Sonoma Association, Sebastopol.

May 13—Bay Association, Broadmoor.

May 15—San Joaquin Association and Women's meeting, First Church, Fresno.

July 8-18—M. E. M. Conference, Asilomar.

August 2-9—Northern California Congregational Conference and Young People's Conference, at Asilomar.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2—Pacific Slope Conference, Berkeley.

Book Club for Pastors

In order to help meet the heavy cost of book buying, the Conference is offering a Book Club plan to pastors of churches:

1. All pastors who desire this service will be divided into groups of eight or ten members.
 2. The Conference will buy a book and mail it to each member.
 3. At the end of three weeks each man mails his copy to another member of this group, thus each one receives a new good. This continues until each member has received as many books as there are members in the group.
 4. Upon completing the reading of the last book, it is mailed back to the office.
 5. The only expense will be postage on each book once.
 6. After making the rounds the books will be sold at half price.
 7. The Conference Board has appointed Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. R. C. Waddell and Rev. Gail Cleland as a Committee on Selection.
- As soon as a sufficient number have expressed a desire for the service, the titles will be selected and the books purchased.

NEW ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. C. H. Hudson has inaugurated a new order of service which provides for the children as well as adults:

- Prelude—Call to prayer.
- Presentation of S. S. offering.
- Doxology.
- Invocation.
- Gloria Patri.
- Prayer Response by children.
- Hymn.
- Children's address.
- Hymn. (Children so desiring may quietly retire during singing of last verse.)
- Responsive reading.
- Scripture lesson.
- Prayer—Lord's Prayer.
- Announcements and offertory.
- Anthem.
- Sermon.
- Hymn.
- Benediction.
- Prayer Response — Congregation uniting.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was made the principal beneficiary of the will of the late Miss Mary L. Rogers of San Jose. It is expected that the bequest will yield the Board approximately \$10,000. Miss Rogers was for years a teacher in our A. M. A. Schools.

Personals

Rev. J. J. Kelly has resigned at Soquel, to take effect June 1. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been in ill health for some time, but have carried on bravely. For many years they have labored faithfully and effectively. Their friends are legion. Everyone regrets that it is necessary for them to retire from active service, but feel that the rest is well earned.

Rev. Isaac Cookman, pastor of Calaveras County, is ill at his home at Angel's Camp. For several years he has carried on the work of that county at great sacrifice of physical strength.

Rev. C. H. Cleaves has recently been in the hospital for a number of days.

Rev. Harold S. Davidson has been holding an interdenominational school of religious education at Hayward.

MEETING A RIOT

Statesmanlike Leadership of Congregational Missionary at Critical Period

Four thousand Filipinos! Drive through the Pajaro and Salinas Valleys during the rush season if you want to see a forest of flying hoes. Fifty in one field, 75 in another, 100 over yonder—planting, weeding, thinning, transplanting, hoeing, cutting—in the lettuce, the beets, and now the rubber fields. Follow these boys—for they are as young as 16 and few more than 30—back from the field to the camp. They sleep in bunkhouses and their main article of diet is rice, with fish perhaps twice a week and other meat occasionally. For their board they pay the contractor 80 cents per day. This contractor sometimes gets a commission from the farmer for the labor he furnishes. The wages of the boys are 40 cents per hour.

During the rush season the hours run as high as 10 to 11 hours a day. But at other times there is much leisure. Put these facts together, an army of young men, thousands of miles from home, herded together in camps, without the society of women of their own kind, with leisure and spending money, with certain vicious parasites hovering about, and there is a situation fraught with grave danger.

Report has come that in certain camps the panderer and prostitute appear at pay day. In some localities, dance halls owned by Americans and furnishing American girls as dancing partners, cater to the Filipino trade.

It was at such a place near Watsonville, hired for the evening by a Filipino club, that some American young men sought admittance, which resulted in the recent riot. Incensed that they were not permitted to enter, these hoodlums evidently stirred up sentiment which was responsible for the attack on the bunk house with the killing of one Filipino.

Almost instantly the whole population of these little brown men throughout the valleys was aflame with fear, indignation, humiliation, uncertainty and desire for revenge. California will never know the danger of those days, and will never know how much it owes to one Filipino who rose up among his people preaching the doctrine of self-restraint and good will. From camp to camp he hurried, telling his countrymen that they must remember that their persecutors were not representative Americans, and that the only way for the Filipino to win the re-

spect and sympathy of the public was to show his worthiness of it. Not content with this, he asked for conference with leading white men of the community, saying to them: "My people want to know whether or not we are wanted here. If we are not wanted, tell us so and let us depart in peace. If we are wanted, give us protection. If you will only refuse to hire our Filipinos for work in the canneries and packing sheds where we would compete with white labor, we are content to do the stooping work in the vegetable fields which no white man can do, and there will be no cause for race hatred."

Thus did Pedro F. Royola give statesmanlike leadership in that difficult and dangerous situation. And Pedro F. Royola is the missionary of the Congregational Churches of Northern California, supported almost entirely by their benevolence funds.

Just a brief description of his regular work. Thirty-one camps he visits regularly, taking an organist and folding organ with him. The boys gather in the dining room of the camps, and Mr. Royola holds a service of worship, preaching the gospel of Christ and urging cleanliness and strength of character. Night after night he keeps it up. On Sunday afternoons a service is held in the Methodist Church at Salinas. The pastors of the city are generous in their co-operation.

It is a joy to be a guest in the home. Mrs. Royola is a cultured and kindly hostess, deeply interested in the work being done, yet somewhat lonely for her parents and friends in "the Islands." And the children—seven of them—from 14 down to 3—all Americans and proud of it. A piano and violin duet entertained during lunch, which consisted of squab from the family dove-cote. Doves, rabbits, chickens and vegetables raised in the back yard, help a little bit in the feeding of nine.

In his spare (?) time Mr. Royola manages to read—and the latest and best books were on his shelves—and he organizes groups among the Filipinos to promote mutual helpfulness and better understanding. Here is missionary work of the highest order and greatest importance for California, for the Philippines, and for the cause of Christ everywhere.

The Committee on Religious Education is anxious to spread the news of Asilomar as widely as possible. It urges that the District Associations shall plan Young People's Rallies in connection with their spring meetings. Doctor Breed, the director, will be glad to attend these meetings, so far as possible, and other members of the committee will gladly cooperate.

Churches and Young People—Remember Asilomar, August 2-9.

Y. P. RALLY

One of the best rallies ever held by Northern California Young People was the one at Petaluma on April 4th, with 164 young people from 14 churches, about 200 including the local group. Dr. Van Horn, Dr. Breed and Dr. Fisher were the speakers. A short stunt and a skit were put on in the Women's Club, and were followed by a social time.

Fairfax sent the largest delegation, 27; with special credit to San Jose for their 15. Great enthusiasm for the coming conference was manifested, and if appearances can be trusted it seems likely that one of the largest groups on record will enjoy the fellowship of Asilomar this year.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

The Petaluma Church launched pre-Easter program at a supper on opening evening of Lent. The Conference Superintendent was the speaker. The social hall was filled, the decorations were beautiful, and dinner served in a most attractive manner. The Pastor, Dr. Noel J. B. is giving a series of lectures Wednesday evenings on the Gospel and the Book of Revelation. He also conduct a class for parent-child training. The young people of church presented the play, "The King of the Third Floor Back" on Monday evening, March 9.

The San Carlos Church has had services of worship from evening morning, with one evening service month. Sunday School attendance averages 56, and has run as high as 70. Rev. R. B. Cherington is pastor, though not living on the field, he averages 25 pastoral visits per month.

Mr. James Salmon, student pastor at Ocean View, San Francisco, represented splendid interest in monthly dinner followed by a religious talk and a social hour. He finds that the people of the community are eager for opportunities of making friendships, and believes that the church may well be the medium of contact.

"The Co-Workers Class" of the Lida Church have launched a project to build a social hall at the back of the church. This would be used for Sunday School classes, three of which are now meeting in the parsonage, would provide a good place for entertainments. Rev. Jessie Getty Heat, pastor.

The Men's Club of First Church, Francisco, on March 14, had as guest speaker, Hon. C. C. Young, Governor of California.

Reports from Loomis indicate that the work is going well despite a few weeks' illness of the pastor, Rev. Edmund Owens. He is now much improved in health.

Word reaches the office that work at Kenwood and Glen Ellen showing a marked increase of interest under the leadership of Rev. Mrs. F. E. Boren.

Rev. O. J. Torvik of Tulare is doing pastoral oversight to our work. He is holding service of worship at 9:45 Sunday mornings, last 45 minutes, which is followed by Sunday School. The children of the community have responded in a most encouraging way.

WATCH OUT!

The executive committee of the C. T. U. calls attention of the public to the fact that dry organizations are not at present circulating any petitions. That the petitions which are being circulated are for the nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment and that people should be careful to read what they sign.

Members of the Projects Committee are planning to present the 1915 plan for missionary projects to the associations. Mrs. Gail Cleland will represent the Santa Clara Association, Mrs. G. Castor at the Upper Bay and Yuma Associations, Mrs. T. E. Bord at the Sacramento Valley and Central Associations.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Avalon Retreat

The Avalon Church, with Dr. Thos. Ratcliff as pastor, has again most fully invited the Pastors to Avalon for the week after Easter, April 5. The program this year will center around the lectures of Professor T. Saunders of the Pacific School of Religion. All pastors are urged to attend and send in their reservations as far as possible to the office. The tentative program is as follows:

Monday Evening—Dr. T. H. Ratcliff, pastor; Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, Introduction of the Pastors.
Tuesday—10 a.m., Dr. E. D. Gaylord, "Religious Education."
Tuesday Evening—Professor K. T. Saunders, Pacific School of Religion.
Wednesday morning—Christ and the Church, Professor K. T. Saunders.
Wednesday Evening—Dr. E. A. Thompson, Pasadena, "The Dynamic Church."

Thursday Morning—"Christ and the Church," Professor K. T. Saunders.
Thursday Evening—Dr. James H. Booth.

Friday Morning—Dr. H. K. Booth, "Books and Reading."

NEW WORKERS

AUTHORIZED AS LICENTIATES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The San Bernardino Association of Southern California recently granted license to two young men: William Frost of the Rialto, Calif., church, who is a student in Redlands University, and Robert Alexander, a member of the church at Highland, and of the sophomore class at Pomona College. The former has been accepted with acceptance in several churches, and the latter is Director of Religious Education in the Etiwanda church. The Association was pleased with the spirit and caliber of these promising young men and voted unanimously to grant licensure until the annual meeting in October. Rev. Harold V. Hartshorn of Highland acted as moderator and Rev. J. H. Olmstead of Perris as registrar.

OUR CHINESE FRIENDS

John R. Mott Reports Conditions in China

"I have recently returned from one of my most extended around-the-world journeys, during which I have been exposed to fields which are experiencing the greatest need. I have discovered no need more extensive, more insistent, and, I am sorry to add, apparently less understood than the present desperate need in China associated with its terrible famine. It has already cost millions of lives. The latest advances make it certain that it will continue at least until the coming summer."

The suffering of the children is particularly pitiable, and presents an irresistible appeal. Literally millions of them, obviously caught in a situation they could not possibly have had anything to do with creating, are suffering and dying of hunger and the diseases that always follow in the train of famine. The need is urgent. Only \$30 will support an orphan waif in a self-care home for a year. Send your gift to Dr. John Willis Baer, Treasurer, Security-First National Bank, Colorado Street and Marengo Avenue, Pasadena, California.

A CALL TO SERVE

VOLUNTEERS WANTED — OPENINGS FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

This is an age in which the East is asking the West to share with them the best educated and the highest trained men and women of this generation. Missionaries, both ordained and unordained, go forth as helpers in the great work of the extension of the kingdom of God. Following is a list of openings for various kinds of service under the American Board:

General Religious and Social Workers

Men
One, Adana, Turkey.
One, Marathi Mission, India.
Two, Japan.
Two, Philippines.
Two, China.
One, Bulgaria.

Women

One, Ingtau, China.
One, Diongloh, China.

Social Settlement Workers—Women

One, Marathi Mission, India.
Two, Japan.

Teachers—Men

(College Degree or Equivalent)
One, Doshisha, Japan.
One, Merzifoun, Turkey.
Three, American College, Salonica, Greece.
Two, International College, Smyrna, Turkey.
One, Angola (colored).
One, Bailundo, Africa.

MAZATLAN MITE BOXES

The Conference will shortly begin work on the new building for our Girls School at Mazatlan, Mexico. We have secured a beautiful location on the cliffs overlooking the sea, and have raised over \$40,000 for the building. The primary object of this school is to train Mexican girls as teachers for the public schools of Mexico.

The move from the old to the new location and the adjustments necessary to get started in the new building may cause a deficit in the first two or three years of operation, and to offset this, and to give the children of our churches an opportunity to help their sisters in the neighboring country the Conference is distributing Mite Boxes into which everyone who takes a box is pledged to put at least one penny a day until Thanksgiving, 1930. If your church has not already made arrangements for a supply of these boxes please communicate with Mr. Fred Wilcox at the Conference Office at once.

Ten thousand people paying one penny per day until Thanksgiving, 1930, makes \$25,000.

Will You Help the School?

LENTEN SERVICES UNDER DR. S. D. GORDON

During the month of March Dr. Gordon has been conducting a series of talks at the noon hour to all the ministers of the city, and has been holding meetings with all Personal Evangelism workers as well. Each day during Holy Week, from 12 to 1 o'clock, Dr. Gordon will speak at the Philharmonic Auditorium. These meetings are open to the public. All denominations are uniting in these services, many churches giving up their Lenten services so that every one may hear Dr. Gordon. The "Quiet Talks" of Dr. Gordon bring inspiration to every one who hears them.

Teachers—Women

(College Degree or Equivalent)
One, Academic School, Inanda Seminary, Africa.
One, Ahmednagar, India.
One, Rahuri, India.
One, Athens, Greece (Turkey).
One, Gedik Pasha, Turkey.
Two, Micronesia.
One, Cagayan, Philippines.
One, Grade Teacher, Sofia, Bulgaria.
One, Missionaries' Children, West Central Africa.
One, Doshisha, Japan.
One, Kobe College, Japan.

Domestic Science

(College Degree Preferred)
One, Adams, South Africa.
1, Adana, Turkey.
Two, Inanda Seminary, Africa.
One, Doshisha, Japan.

Kindergartner

(Certificate Required)
One, Madura, India.
One, Kobe, Japan.

Nurses

One, Madura, India.
One, Aintab, Turkey.
One, Caesarea, Turkey.
One, Sachikela, Africa.
One, Mt. Silinda, Africa.
One, Foochow, China.
One, Taiku, China.

For detailed information address the Candidate Secretaries: William H. McCance; Carolyn D. Smiley, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational), 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

"S. O. S." CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the Japanese Union Church of Los Angeles, 120 North San Pedro Street, there is a very flourishing English night school. This night school brings its pupils into touch with the Church and Christianity. It is a real piece of missionary work. Miss Mary Hall is the Principal. She is in dire need of volunteer teachers. If there is anyone in the city of Los Angeles who would like to do a real piece of missionary work, get in touch with this office, 606 Spreckels Building (Tucker 4524) 714 South Hill Street, at once. The school is conducted every night from 7 to 9, and the care of teachers is paid. We can use men and women. We need your help. Will you volunteer?

MEXICAN DELEGATE TO ANNUAL MEETING

Rev. Manuel Elias, President of the General Junta, West Coast of Mexico, is coming especially to attend the annual meeting of the State Conference, May 12-14. He expects to be in this country from the 24th day of April to May 15. He will attend the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, April 28-30, and will be open for engagements. Any Church or Missionary Society desiring to hear Mr. Elias and to gain the Mexican point of view of our Christian work in Mexico, please communicate with this office at once.

PLYMOUTH CLUB HAS PARTY

Members of the Plymouth Club, representing Congregational students at the State University, held a St. Patrick's party on Friday evening, March 21. There were 38 present. Plans are now being made for a fireside service, for worship and fellowship, in the week before Easter.

District Rallies

Congregational young people of the Long Beach area are gathering for a pep rally at the First Church, Santa Ana, on Friday evening, April 4. The program includes songs, stunts by delegations, an address by Dr. Ralph B. Larkin, and final pointers for the Summer Conference by Mr. Sidney Buckham. This district includes Brea, Buena Park, Whittier, Villa Park, Long Beach First, Bay Shore, and Santa Ana.

On the following Friday, April 11, there will be a rally for the Southwest District of Los Angeles. The young people will gather for supper at the Venice church. The district includes Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Hyde Park, Plymouth, Pilgrim, Western Knoll, Messiah, All Souls', Pico Heights, Westwood Hills and Venice. It is hoped that Dr. Herman F. Swartz will be the speaker.

FOR WOMEN

ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Southern California Congregational Women's Missionary Society will be entertained by the four churches of Pasadena, at Pasadena First Church, April 28-30, beginning with a rally dinner on Monday evening.

The theme will be "The Supreme Task," and the program promises to be of unusual interest. The convention is to open and close with the thought of world peace, as developed by Mrs. Clara Bryant Heywood, under the title "The Supreme Task of This Generation," and Dr. Bruce Baxter of the University of Southern California, who will speak on "Missions and World Peace."

Mexico is to be represented by Pastor Elias of Hermosillo, who expects to remain in Southern California until after the May Conference meeting at Claremont. Various other mission fields will be featured during the three days.

Young people of First Church are preparing a pageant for Tuesday evening.

FORWARD MOVEMENT CAMPAIGN

On March 24 a dinner was held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, attended by pastors and representatives of churches, to discuss the Forward Movement campaign. Many suggestions were made and it was the sense of the meeting that the efforts to raise money for a Forward Movement should be continued. It was also suggested that the matter of the campaign be brought up at the annual meeting. It has been decided, therefore, to have an open forum on Monday morning, the first day of the annual meeting, for an open and frank discussion of ways and means for advancing this Forward Movement. A large attendance and free discussion is desired.

BARGAINS IN BOOKS

Beginning April 7, 1930, and continuing through the month, every book in stock in the Congregational Book Room, 606 Spreckels Bldg., Los Angeles, will be reduced 10%. We have a large stock of the latest books on Religious Education, Mission Study, Biography, Sermons, Psychology, etc. We have only one or two of each title and no orders will be accepted for new stock at this reduced price. Come in and make your selection early.

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LAND OF CELEBRITIES

There are two crack trains that are by-words in America, the "Century," New York to Chicago; and the "Chief," Chicago to Los Angeles.

When the dusty Pullmans of the "Chief" glide down through Cajon Pass into the magic land they are sure to carry some celebrity who has a home in Southern California, or who is coming out to build a home. Names like Kellogg, McAdoo, Gillette, Wildebrandt, Wrigley, Rogers, Fairbanks, Heifetz, Schumann-Heink, and many others are often on the "Chief's" passenger list. Even Cal Coolidge, staid Vermont, could not resist the charms of Southern California, and so spent a week here lately.

Fortunately this charm attracts men of influence in the religious and educational world also. Dr. Joseph Artman, executive secretary of the Religious Education Association, was here recently to make Southern California a branch-center for that organization. Dr. Theodore Soares, of Chicago Theological Seminary, has been supplying at the Union Liberal Church of Pasadena. Dr. George Albert Coe, for some time a resident of New York, announces his intention of living permanently in Claremont. Dr. W. C. Pearce, for many years prominent in National Sunday School work, has put the Southern California Council of Religious Education to first place in the nation. In May we look forward to a two-weeks' visit from Erwin L. Shaver who will travel among our churches in the interests of religious education. Miss Lucille Day lives in Santa Monica, and will be on the faculty of our Young People's Conference. Mr. Thos. S. Evans, well known in student religious work, leads the affairs of the University Religious Conference. And finally, Harry Thomas Stock promises to be at our Young People's Conference next summer.

Come on folks! The more the merrier!

OILDALE "OUR BEST YET"

Mrs. G. W. Kitzmiller, Secretary of the Kern Association and the Women's Missionary Society, reports the result of the missionary meeting held at Oildale March 4. "We certainly reached the mountain top from the very beginning until the end of the last session. Every Church had representatives. Arvin holds the record, surpassing all others in attendance, having 24 of her women present. The program was of a high order, and the fellowship Team composed of Mrs. E. C. Norton, Miss Bement and Rev. Sidney Buckham, did much to make it a success.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN MISSION STUDY

ASILOMAR—M. E. M. CONFERENCE

The Missionary Education Conference at Asilomar this year will be the best that we have had for many years. Dr. J. H. Ballard will lead the Chapel hour. Mrs. E. B. Allen will have charge of "The Missionary Materials and Methods for Women's Missionary Societies." Mrs. Rosenberger of Whittier will lead the adult course on "The Caribbean Islands." Dr. John W. Bailey will have the course on "The Message and Program of the Christian Religion." Mrs. E. S. Page will conduct the course on "How to Teach Missions to Juniors." Miss Marion Chalmers, the new religious education director at Oneonta, will have charge of the Intermediates and Seniors. Mrs. John Lyons of Claremont will teach "Dramatics." In every way this conference is hoping to set a high mark in Missionary Education. The dates are from July 8 to 10. Our Congregational denomination in Southern California should send a large delegation. Each Church should begin now to plan to send as many delegates as possible.

MISSIONARY MATERIAL AVAILABLE

The National Missionary Committee is sending to this office special missionary material which is "up-to-the-minute" information not found in any of the missionary magazines, which gives intimate information of new developments. Leaders of missionary meetings may send to this office for such material.

THE NEW PASTOR AT MISSION HILLS

Dr. Willis L. Goldsmith, the new pastor for Mission Hills, is expected to arrive not later than April 10, and will preach his first sermon on Palm Sunday. Dr. Ozora S. Davis writes of him as follows: During his ministry in the Hyde Park Congregational Church, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith has entered into the life of the community and has been a trusted counselor and co-operator in all civic and moral movements.

As a pastor he has united the people about the church in a fine spirit of loyalty. He has been the welcome friend in all the families of the parish as a sympathetic and tactful minister. His own family has been an example of a true Christian home and Mrs. Goldsmith has won the love of the entire congregation. Mr. Goldsmith will go to San Diego with a fine record as a minister in Hyde Park."

NORWALK MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

A men's Bible class has recently been organized at Norwalk under the leadership of Rev. A. B. Roberts. This Bible class has taken the lead in making improvements on the Church property. Donating the work, they installed an up-to-date sprinkling system. The Church lawn was seeded and landscaped with shrubs and flowers. The Church was nicely repaired and given two good coats of paint. At the conclusion of their work a dinner was served in the Church dining room; 180 were present; the entire dinner was presided over and served by the men of this Bible class, much to the gratification of the entire church. After all expenses were paid, it was found they had cleared \$85. This money was applied on the premium for the Church insurance. Interest in the Bible class was greatly increased by this volunteer work, and this spirit of co-operation means much to the Church.

DeMILLE IS HEAD OF RELIGIOUS PROJECT

The University Religious Conference rejoices in the acceptance of Mr. Cecil B. DeMille, famous motion picture director of the "King of Kings" of chairmanship of the Building Committee. Mr. DeMille hopes to raise \$250,000 for a building which will house all of the religious and social activities of the Jews, Catholics and Protestants at the University of California at Los Angeles. An international architectural contest will insure the beauty of the project, which is to be built adjacent to the new campus in Westwood Hills. The building site was the gift of a Catholic layman, and the Jews have offered to furnish the new structure. Mr. DeMille is an Episcopalian, and is very much interested in the co-operation of all religious faiths.

AN ASSOCIATION PARTY

Many Associations suffer for want of a closer fellowship. Rev. Harold V. Hartshorn of Highland, moderator of the San Bernardino Association, felt that the relation of the ministers in the Association should be closer than that which results from one or two meetings of the Association a year.

So Mr. and Mrs. Hartshorn gave a very gracious invitation to the ministers and their wives to meet at their house in Highland at 9:30 o'clock on March 13. The guests were to be arrayed in their old clothes. When the guests came they were led to the Ranney Cottage on Mill Creek, 14 miles above Redlands. A large fireplace was lighted and an appetizing luncheon spread by the host and hostess. The day was spent in the atmosphere of warmest fellowship. The day was greatly enjoyed and will long be remembered.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

This Spring, under the combined auspices of the Women's Missionary Society, and the Office Headquarters, Fellowship Meetings are being carried on in various parts of our Conference. The team goes to Chula Vista for a two days session, March 29 and 30; to San Bernardino, April 2 and 3; to Paso Robles, April 5 and 6. The plan of these Fellowship Meetings is to present the whole work of our conference and to stimulate interest in the local Church for fuller co-operation.

CHINESE PLUM BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The Claremont Church recently had a very interesting celebration of the Chinese Plum Blossom Festival. There was a dinner, followed by a program of Chinese music and a play which brought China more vividly than ever before the people of Claremont. It was a fine way to present the cause of the Chinese.

ACOUSTICAN INSTALLED AT ALL SOULS'

A number of fine improvements costing \$800 have been made in the Church building since All Souls', under Dr. Ake, took possession. An acoustician has been installed; it is in fine working order and is a great improvement. The pulpit arrangement has been changed and a new carpet has been laid. The Sunday attendance is constantly increasing, and many new members have been added to the Church. They are carrying a heavy burden of debt, but are exerting every effort to raise the money. We have high hopes for them.

The Conference Minutes and Federation Year Book is about to come off the press and will be mailed promptly.

TEST YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Educational Secretary has been using "Standard B for the Sunday Church School" as a test for religious education lately. This test is published by the International Council of Religious Education, and offers a very comprehensive estimate of the work of the average Sunday School. If a more pastors are interested in raising their educational program Mr. Busham will be glad to apply the test whenever a suitable date can be arranged.

CHURCH SURVEY

Dr. H. Paul Douglass, the author of this year's study book entitled "The City's Church," is now in Los Angeles conducting a survey of the church under the auspices of a fund created by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. This work is a continuation of the survey begun by the "Men and Religion Forward Movement." At a dinner given by the Los Angeles City Church Federation Dr. Douglass told of his work. "The fortunes of the church correspond to the fortunes of the people in the community," so that the churches rise as the community prospers. The work of Dr. Douglass ought to be of great benefit to the different denominations in Southern California.

OBERAMMERGAU

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, formerly Mission Hills, is planning to take a group of young women on a trip to Europe with the special purpose of seeing the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The total cost of the trip will be about 1,200. There is still room for the party for one or two more. All one wishing to secure further information should communicate with Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, 3216 Jay Street, Sacramento.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

On recommendation of the Commission on Missions, three-tenths of one per cent of the total apportionment will be paid by the Receiving Treasurer of the Home Boards to the Federal Council provided this sum does not exceed \$8000 in any one year. Such payment will be taken out of undesignated funds. It will be a substitute for appropriations that have been made to the Federal Council in preceding years by National Societies. This will be credited to each church in the Home Boards column of the Year Book.

In view of this contribution which is being made by the denomination as a whole to the Federal Council churches can, if they wish, rescue the Federal Council to remove the names from the list of individual appeals which the Federal Council still makes where the churches are in the habit of contributing.

YOUNG PASTOR WEDS

Rev. John Stearns, assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, was married on March 1 to Miss Mildred Robinson of Pasadena. Stearns is a graduate of Harvard and Chicago Seminary, and his wife is a graduate of U. C. L. A. The couple spent their honeymoon in Santa Barbara.



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